

WAC, NEW SUBSIDIARY FORMED AS RFC CLOSES BOOKS

The Reconstruction Finance Corporation Jan. 15 closed its books on war activities during which it built nearly 100 new plants for operation under lease by Southern California and Arizona industry, and turned over this property, together with all types of surplus released to it by military agencies, to a new subsidiary, the War Assets Corporation.

Hector C. Haigt, RFC regional director here, will act as the War Assets Corporation's regional director, with Serge F. Ballif, Jr., as deputy regional director.

War Assets Corporation thus takes over for sale:

1. All Government-owned war plants and industrial real estate, as rapidly as the armed forces declare them no longer needed for military production. Ultimately this will mean a total of 71 properties in Southern California and 17 in Arizona, ranging from aircraft factories and shortwave radio stations to steel foundries and plants for making synthetic rubber, sulfuric acid, 100-octane gasoline, penicillin and rock salt, representing a total government investment of about \$208,000,000.

So far, five plants in this area have been actually sold, for a total of \$1,516,000. Original cost to the Government was approximately \$3,702,400. These plants are: the Vard aircraft parts factory at Pasadena; Alresearch plant at Phoenix; the Compak Foods, Inc., vegetable dehydrating plant at Santa Ana; all plant equipment of the Baash-Ross Tool Company factory at 5512 S. Boyle ave., Los Angeles; and the Government-owned portion of the Weber Showcase & Fixture Co. plant, at 5700 Avation Blvd., Los Angeles.

2. A number of civilian-owned air fields leased by the Government for use in training pilots.

3. Approximately 5700 airplanes ranging from war-weary craft, good only as scrap, and almost new military ships too highly specialized for civilian use, to light trainers and transport, of value for commercial purposes.

4. Approximately \$45,000,000 worth of "capital" goods used by industry, including surplus machinery, tools, metals, chemicals, textiles, and raw materials; plus a fluctuating but rapidly increasing stream of "consumer" goods such as trucks, tires, typewriters, clothing and food.

Recent Surplus Sales:
Sales to date by Southern RFC offices have liquidated machinery and other capital goods originally costing about \$9,200,000, at a sales price of \$4,300,000, or about 47% of cost. These items, valuable to reconverting industry, have been moving at increasing speed since V-E Day, when contract cancellations began to mount. Sales in December were about \$2,500,000.

Consumer goods, however, have been relatively slow to appear in surplus. Last July, the inventory in this region was only about \$4,000,000 worth; but this figure jumped at V-J Day to \$35,000,000 and has been steadily rising ever since.

So far, 1053 airplanes which cost \$37,000,000, have been sold for a total of \$2,800,000. Turnover of sales has increased steadily, as shown by the fact that while only \$1,000,000 worth were sold in the first 11 months of operations, \$3,000,000 worth were sold to commercial and private buyers and training schools, during the past five months.

Harbor City Man Robbed After Pickup

George O. Medina, 1647 W. 259th st., reported to sheriff's deputies that he was the victim of a \$55 robbery late Saturday night following a few drinks in San Pedro with an unidentified man and woman. Medina said that he had picked the couple up after they had flagged him down on Pacific Coast highway. They had stopped at an address in San Pedro where, shortly afterward, a fight ensued with the man he had picked up, Medina said, and he was robbed of his cash.

TO COLORADO
Ralph R. Pettitt, recently discharged following 28 months overseas duty and Mrs. Pettitt, the former Margaret Mort, left Sunday for a visit in Colorado. He is the holder of the Order of the Purple Heart, awarded for wounds suffered in Italy.

What All Drivers Should Know

Prepared By The Department of Motor Vehicles

DIRECTIONS: These are Official and the same you are asked when you apply for your Driver's license. Test your knowledge by marking yes or no in the space at the end of the line. Correct answers printed below.

1. If you have an accident that causes property damage or personal injury and you fall to sleep, may you be charged with hit-and-run?.....
2. May you legally stop at a red curb long enough to get out and mail a letter?.....
3. Must your car have two headlights and one tail light lighted whenever you drive at night?.....
4. May you cross to the left side of the highway to pass another car if there is plenty of clear straight road ahead and no double line divides the highway?.....
5. Must you signal your turns even when there are no cars behind you, if cars are coming toward you from the sides, or in front?.....
6. Are you breaking the law and making an accident possible if you cut the corners on your left turns?.....

Answers

1. Yes. The driver of any vehicle involved in such accident must stop immediately at the scene of the accident and fulfill the requirements of Section 482 by giving full information and rendering aid if necessary. Failure to do so is a serious violation of law punishable by severe penalties. (Section 480, 481 Vehicle Code)

2. No. This is governed by local parking regulations and red indicates no stopping, standing or parking whether the vehicle is attended or unattended. (Section 472 (a) Vehicle Code)

3. Yes. Also the same regulation applies at any other time when there is no sufficient light to clearly see any person or vehicle on the highway at a distance of 200 feet. (Section 618, 619, 621 Vehicle Code)

4. Yes. But in every event you must return to the right-hand side of the roadway before coming within 100 feet of any vehicle approaching from the opposite direction. (Section 628, 630 Vehicle Code)

5. Yes. You must always signal your turns during the last 50 feet before turning. In event any other vehicle may be affected by such turn. (Section 644 Vehicle Code)

6. Yes. Approach for a left turn must be made in that portion of the right half of the roadway nearest the center line and after entering the intersection you may proceed to turn as directed as required by markers, buttons or signs. (Section 540 Vehicle Code)

Cost Of Living In This Area Shows Gain

Higher prices for butter, eggs and potatoes were the chief factors responsible for a 0.5 percent increase in the prices of living essentials in Los Angeles area between Oct. 15 and Nov. 15, the Bureau of Labor Statistics announced today.

This latest increase brings the Bureau's Index of Consumers' Prices to a level 32.2 percent above the average of the pre-war years 1935-39, the highest point it has reached since December, 1925.

Average food costs rose 1.4 percent over the month as higher prices were reported for all of the major commodity groups except meats, where slight price declines occurred as supplies improved. Butter prices rose 10 percent and peanut butter prices increased 5 percent as subsidy payments were discontinued. Orange prices, still under ceilings as the report was prepared, rose 0.7 percent and price rises were recorded for apples (up 5 percent), potatoes (up 3 percent), green beans (up 12 percent) and sweet potatoes (up 12 percent).

Food prices, now at the highest level since the start of the war, are 48 percent higher than they were on Jan. 1, 1941 and 58 percent above the level of Aug., 1939.

Clothing prices declined slightly (by 0.3 percent) over the month as small supplies of merchandise produced under the WPB-OPA clothing program reached local markets although retailers reported that supplies of clothing were at a new low level for the wartime period. A fractional increase (0.1 percent) in the average prices of household furnishings was recorded as sheets advanced in price. No changes occurred in prices of fuel, electricity and ice or in the miscellaneous group of commodities and services. Rents were not surveyed in November.

Navy Recruiting Office Reopens In San Pedro Area; Benefits Told

Furtherance of education and a "chance to learn a trade" are two of the most frequently listed reasons for enlistment in the United States Navy today, according to Chief Everett Gilson, recruiter in charge of the Navy Recruiting substation, located at Room 16, Post Office Bldg., San Pedro.

One of the best schools in the country in or out of military service, the local recruiter asserted, is the Navy's Radio Technical School, which has its headquarters at Chicago, Illinois. Two branches of the school are in California.

According to information received by the local recruiter from Lt. Comdr. J. M. LaFollette, Officer in Charge of the Los Angeles Recruiting district, which includes this area, some leading universities are offering college credit to men who graduate from the Radio Tech institution. A faculty committee from Purdue university, following inspection of the Navy school early this year, was unanimous in its commendation of the radio technical training program.

Young men who hope to become engineers have an opportunity of being launched in this exciting field by becoming a Navy Radio technician, the recruiter pointed out. Candidates for the school can qualify by passing the "Eddy test," which may be taken at the local Navy Recruiting station.

Men between the ages of 17 and 21 who pass the test may be enlisted for two or three years or until age 21. Men 21 through 30 may enlist for two, three, four or six years. The period of enlistment is at the option of the applicant, it was explained. Men enlisted for the radio technical school are rated seaman, first class, upon enlistment.

60,000 DOCTORS
Congressman Clarence Brown of Ohio, recently told Congress that "at the height of the war the Army had in its medical corps approximately 47,000 doctors, while the Navy had 13,000—a total of 60,000 medical officers to take care of 12 million men."

Naval Officer Cadet Office In New Location

Commander Keith F. James, Director of Naval Officer Procurement, Los Angeles, has announced that the Office of Naval Officer Procurement and the Naval Aviation Cadet Selection Board, has moved to new quarters, the new address being Room 524, I. N. Van Nuys Building, 210 W. Seventh st., Los Angeles, 14, California.

In announcing the change of address Commander James stated that applications are still being taken for the March 1945 class of Naval Aviation Trainees. Higs school graduates 17 to 23 years of age are invited to make inquiry about the famed V-5 Program (Naval Aviation Preparatory Program) at the new address—Office of Naval Officer Procurement, Room 524, I. N. Van Nuys Building, 210 W. Seventh st., Los Angeles, California.

FIRST PRESIDENT
Franklin D. Roosevelt was the first President of the United States to use an airplane.

Port College Site To Be Picked Soon

Selection of a site for the proposed new Junior College to serve the harbor district will be made within the next few days, according to Roy J. Becker, of San Pedro, member of the Los Angeles Board of Education.

From an original list of six of more proposed sites the number now under consideration is three. Aral Evans, real estate expert of the Board of Education, has studied the proposed sites for several months and will present recommendations, according to Becker.

Under consideration are sites in Rolling Hills, Lomita and north Wilmington. An offer of a site in the Palos Verdes Hills has been tentatively rejected because of the lack of adequate sewer lines in the vicinity.

One location said to be receiving favorable consideration is a 25-acre tract on Western ave., east and south of the Harbor Hills housing development. This

land is now being used by the Navy to store excess equipment. Becker said the aim of the new Junior College will be to provide opportunities for technical, as well as academic education. Commercial administration, aviation courses and other subjects of a technical nature will be emphasized.

NORTH DAKOTA PICNIC

The president of North Dakota State Society, J. Edward Tuft, called the "Flecker Tails" to an all day mid-winter reunion Saturday Feb. 2, 1946, in Sycamore Grove Park, Los Angeles.

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